Export (Agriculture) Zone at Vijayawada

1871. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export (Agriculture) Zone at Vijayawada has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a Memorandum of Understanding between Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been signed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) by when, the export would commence from Vijayawada Export Zone?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (g) A proposal for setting up of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) for Mangoes in Krishna District, which includes the commercial city of Vijayawada, was approved on 28th August, 2002. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been signed on 27th September, 2002. An investment of around Rs. 17.90 crores is envisaged, of which Rs. 3.77 crores is expected from Central Government Agencies, Rs. 4.23 crores from State Government Agencies and around Rs. 9.89 crores from the private sector. Export of Mangoes from this AEZ has already started.

Industrial sickness in Rajasthan

1872. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the closure of first unit of the J.K. Industries in Kota District of Rajasthan, cases of industrial sickness of many other industrial units are being reported from the same district;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government have conducted any review so as to ascertain the real cause of industrial sickness in those industrial units;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of measures contemplated by Government for the revival of those sick industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) As per information furnished by the Government of Rajasthan, the closure of the first unit of J.K. Industries in Kota District of Rajasthan has not led to industrial sickness in other small industrial units of the same district.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Sickness in industries is attributed various reasons such as financial stringency, shortage of raw material and power as well as lack of demand for products. The Government has taken various measures for the revival of sick industrial units which *inter alia*, include guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India to Banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, and setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, etc.

Impact of curb on FDI from certain countries

1873. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to put curbs on FDI from certain countries;

(b) if so, the reasons and the details thereof;

(c) the likely impact of this decision on current automatic routes and existing projects being executed by FDIs from those countries; and

(d) the alternative measures being taken to meet the requirement of foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Citizens or entities, whether incorporated or not, of Pakistan and Bangladesh, and citizens of Sri Lanka are prohibited to make Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in terms of Regulation 5(1) of Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer of Issue of Security by a Person Resident Outside